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For : TWO-HYBRID ASSAY THAT DETECTS HIV-1
REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE DIMERIZATION

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May 17, 2004

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 16, 2003 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 16, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 16, 2003 Office Action was due March 16, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to respond. The fee for a two month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420.00), and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a two month extension of time a response is now due May 16, 2004. However, since May 16, 2004 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, i.e. May 17, 2004, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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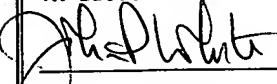
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